

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Dakotas Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Dakotas Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2061

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

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8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$17,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

RAC didn't meet in FY2018

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Dakotas Resource Advisory council is composed of up to 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Although the RAC didn't meet in FY2018, it typically meets 2-3 times a year. RAC members have time on each regular meeting agenda to brief the BLM managers as per their respective position/categories on the RAC. The BLM in turn briefs the RAC. Other agenda items are included that reflect developing issues and new BLM-wide emphasis areas. RAC members stay up-to-date on BLM programs and issues and offer pertinent and timely advice. Training is also periodically conducted at these meetings.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC members are able to bring a wide variety of expertise to the table for open discussions, the product of which is provided to the BLM as recommendations.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM Montana/Dakotas website and distributed to local print and broadcast outlets, organizations and political representatives via news releases.

21. Remarks

The RAC did not develop recommendations in FY2018

Designated Federal Officer

Diane Friez BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bleich, Vernon	12/14/2015	12/14/2018	Retired	Representative Member
Brown, Debra	01/12/2017	01/12/2020	CEO/Administrator Home Health, County Commisioner	Representative Member
Combs, Drew	12/14/2015	12/14/2018	North Dakota Dept. of Trust Lands, Minerals Director	Representative Member
Gilbert, Ray	01/12/2017	01/12/2020	Rancher	Representative Member
Jagim, Nathan	01/12/2017	01/12/2020	County Weed Specialist	Representative Member
Johnson, Robert	01/12/2017	01/12/2020	Rancher/County Commisioner	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

Narrative Description

Members of the BLM's Dakotas RAC provide varied and valuable input on a number of issues. The RAC is also a vehicle for public participation because members represent various organizations and there is always a public comment period during RAC meetings. RAC didn't meet in FY2018. The BLM distributes meeting notes to all RAC members after each meeting. These notes are also posted on the RAC website <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/montana-dakotas>. Individuals can also call the designated Federal Officer directly with questions or concerns and do so on a regular basis. RAC members do not wait for the general meetings to engage managers but contact them regularly to express opinions or concerns and get updates on topics they are interested in.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Dakotas RAC.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments